

Elloughton School News

24th June 2016



A word from the Headteacher

This week has been National Sports Week when schools across the country have promoted the benefits of PE and sports. I'm delighted that parents and pupils enjoyed the PE workshop on Monday evening. Parents had the opportunity to observe a game led by Mr Marsden, whilst some of our Year 6 pupils took on the role of sports leaders, putting myself and parents through their paces by leading a Boot Camp. It was definitely time for them to get their own back! The confidence and enthusiasm of the pupils was a real testament to the quality of PE we provide at Elloughton Primary school. It is undoubtedly a huge strength of the school, both in terms of curriculum and extracurricular provision. Mr Marsden, our PE co-ordinator, works incredibly hard to promote and raise the standards of sport to ensure high quality PE throughout the school and ensure we take an active part in many sporting events within the local cluster and East Riding. He provided parents with details of how we use the Sports Premium, funding from the government, to continually improve and increase the quality and quantity of PE for all pupils. I'd like to thank those who attended.

We're fortunate to have two qualified sports coaches, both Mr Jenkinson and Mr Price, who frequently teach whole class lessons as well as run various Sports Clubs. I am a firm believer that for PE and Sports can raise attainment in schools. Physical activity is vital for children's development, fostering their physical, social and emotional health. The benefits of sport reach beyond the impact on physical well-being and so the value of the educational benefits of sport should not be under-estimated. Providing physical education is crucial in helping children to learn and develop life skills. Through participation in sport and PE, children learn about the importance of values such as honesty, teamwork, fair play, respect for themselves and others, and adherence to rules. It also provides a forum for children to learn how to deal with competition and how to cope with both winning and losing. It creates health activity habits that encourage life-long participation in physical activity which extends the impact of PE beyond the primary/secondary years and highlights the potential impact of physical education on public health.

Our weekly celebrations assemblies often acknowledge children's sporting achievements at team events and in individual disciplines, both in and outside of school. We endeavour to promote a love of sport at all levels. It's great we have some children already aspiring to be future Olympians, world record breakers, Premier league champions, but more importantly I hope that children can simply enjoy taking part in sport, do their very best whatever their ability. It's not always about being the best or winning at all costs but merely fostering a love of physical activity wherever that may be - on a sports field, in the gym, on the golf course, at the swimming pool, in the great outdoors or simply in the back garden.

Do have a good weekend.

Regards

Mrs Fulstow



Dates for your Diary and Events

Monday 27th June - KS2 Afternoon Tea
Tuesday 28th June - KS1 Afternoon Tea
Thursday 30th June - Moving up day & Meet the Teacher
Monday 4th July - Y1 & Y2 Little Big Sing
Y6 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 5th July - Y6 Leaver's Evening - Oliver
Wednesday 6th July - Y3, Y4 & Y5 The Big Sing
Thursday 7th July - Year 5 The Chocolate Story Trip
Friday 8th July - Sports Day & FESA BBQ
Tuesday 12th July - Reports & Parents Evening
EYFS & New Starters Teddy Bear's Picnic
Wednesday 20th July - Y6 Leaver's Church Service
Friday 22nd July - School Picnic

Parents' Evening & Annual Reports

Please remember to call in or telephone the school office to arrange your parents evening appointment and collection of your child's report.

10 minute appointments are available from 2pm to 7pm on Tuesday 12th July.



House Points

House point totals to date this half term are:

Andromeda	437	Scorpius	463
Leo	498	Orion	456
Virgo	527	Cygnus	432



Well done everyone, it is fantastic to see how many house points you are earning!

Building Work

As we move towards the end of term and prepare for the new school year we're organising further building improvements so that all our staff and pupils can benefit from a vibrant, bright and refreshing learning environment. During the summer holidays our refurbishment programme continues with internal alterations to the existing Early Years area and a new reception/administration area being built at the rear of school. Due to ensure the safety of all our pupils one of the first changes Mrs Fulstow made on arrival last year was to ensure the pedestrian gate on the front playground remained lock during the school day. As a result visitors must now access via the small rear entrance. We therefore intend to create a much more welcoming entrance. The existing reception office will be converted into a finance office and meeting room. We're also going to create an outdoor area for Year 1 pupils at the rear of school so the excellent outdoor provision they have had in Early Years can continue, closely linked to the requirements of the Key Stage one curriculum. All these alterations will be immensely beneficial and help to improve the quality of provision at our school.



Youth Speaks Competition

Last week two of our Year pupils, Ethan Hannard and Freya Ward, took part in the Rotary club's annual 'Youth Speaks' competition. Both were amazing and a real credit to the school, having to right and deliver a speech lasting no more than 4 minutes. Ethan's speech focussed on the importance of treating everyone equally whilst Freya spoke about Children's rights. It was a fantastic event involving six local schools. A whole range of issues were touched upon - such as vegetarianism, Women's rights, Sport, Cancer, The Eurovision Song contest to luxury cars.

We were very proud of Ethan and Freya and particularly thrilled that Freya came third. The judges were very impressed that Freya delivered her speech without any written notes - a great achievement. A future politician in the making!



Move Aside Bear Grylls!

Year 3/4 had a fantastic time at Welton Waters. All 3 classes were brilliant at building rafts, making fires and building shelters in the forest area. Everyone followed all of the safety instructions for fire building, showing great teamwork skills collecting fire wood and dry materials and persevering with the flint and steel to make sparks. We have some great fire starters in our year group! The shelters and rafts were top quality, it is clear that none of our children will ever be stranded, helpless in the rainforest...

In the water, all of the children participated in rafted canoeing, which involved sailing out into the water and then using teamwork to cross a narrow bridge from one canoe to the other.

Back on the land, the other children were building rafts out of wood and barrels and then testing them out on the water. The children had great fun, even though some got a lot wetter than others! The majority of the children finished off their water activities with a jump off the jetty. SPLASH! The children not only impressed our staff and volunteers, but also wowed Welton Waters staff too. All in all, an amazing trip.



News from FESA

The wonderful, hardworking group of people that make up FESA have some exciting events coming up.

The Afternoon Tea tickets are still on sale. The children will be singing songs from the Little Big Sing and the Big Sing and they will be baking buns, which Year 6 will be serving.



The annual school BBQ takes place on 8th July and follows on from sports day. Tickets will be on sale at the school office from Monday adults £5 children £3, vegetarian options available.

Thank you to all who supported the discos last week, the children enjoyed them hugely!

Important Changes to School Entry Procedures

Entrance into school from Monday 27th June will be as follows; the front pedestrian entrance for children will be unlocked at 8:30am. The entrance will be manned by either Mrs Fulstow or a suitable representative from 8:40am when the school will take responsibility for your child. The rear gate will be unlocked at 8:40am and manned by Mr O'Pray or a suitable representative. Both gates will be locked at 9:00am until 3:20pm and relocked at 3:50pm.



Due to the new entrance being created for September 2016 the school has decided to implement from Monday 27th June new access arrangements for the Sunset and Sunrise Club. Access will now be via the ramp and door at the back of the school hall. Please do not drop your child off from the car park. **The parking / access restrictions will still apply.** Your child will remain your responsibility until the before / afterschool club supervisors take charge of them at the door. The door will remain locked and you should ring the bell to gain entry. This is the same procedure for collecting your child at the end of the day. Thank you for supporting this new arrangement and respecting the parking restrictions.



Polite Reminder

Access to the school car park is restricted to staff only and strictly no access to any other vehicles. New signage has now been installed to display this restriction at the entrance to the car park. The school is committed to safeguarding of pupils and as such have been instructed to secure the access to the site. The new entrance to the school will mean increased pedestrians walking along the walk way at the side of the car park and therefore traffic in and out needs to be kept to a minimum. Thank you for respecting this.



Music

The school is delighted to advise that music tuition will still be provided from September by The Music Box - Miriam Wordsworth. The tuition will take place one afternoon per week and may run beyond the school day depending on demand. The Music Box will advise parents in due course what instrumental tuition will be provided and parents can arrange this directly with The Music Box.



At The End of the Day

May we remind parents that children should not be on play equipment at the end of the school day unless closely supervised by an adult/parent. The 'pick up sticks' climbing apparatus on the back field is only accessible to Key Stage 2 children during the school day. We are aware that some younger children play on it but this must only be if an adult is supervising them. We cannot take responsibility for any injury.

Rainbow Mini Readers

This new venture which we started in September has gone from strength to strength thanks to Mrs Cooper who leads the sessions each week for pre-school children. We intend to continue in September.

"We love coming to mini readers - the activities are well planned and themed around the story. Great idea to help children with transition."

"Fabulous, we love it, Thank you."

"We have really enjoyed coming. My child often asks to go to school. A perfect stepping stone for preschool ages to get used to the school environment."



Snack Attack

Children are welcome to bring a snack of fresh fruit or vegetable sticks for break times if they wish.

Telephone

We've had several compliments from callers who've heard our pupils singing 'Give It All You've got' when telephoning school. Listen out also for our Year 6 lunchtime receptionists who are learning the art of answering the telephone and taking messages.

PE

We consider it vital that all children take a full and active part in PE. Only in very rare, exceptional circumstances would a child not take part in a lesson. If your child has a particular injury or ailment then it is important the class teacher is aware so that the PE lesson can be adapted and differentiated to meet their particular need.